

Remarks

This Reply is considered fully responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. Claims 1-22 were pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15-16, and 19-22 stand rejected. In this reply, claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended. Claims 2 and 11 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-15, and 17-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 10, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-9 and 12-18, which depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 22 is allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 6, 10, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,796,938 to Emberty et al. ("Emberty"). In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 10, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,363,379 to Eckenrode et al. ("Eckenrode"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At page 2, the Office contends that "applicant stated that Eckenrode does not disclosed [sic] or suggest reading data into a memory, changing at least some of the data to form corrupted data and passing the corrupted data as the data read from the storage medium." However, Applicants also previously argued that Eckenrode fails to teach "receiving a command to generate a false data miscompare error." The Office has failed to address this aspect of Applicants' argument. Applicants submit that Eckenrode merely teaches that an error injector performs two types of error injection. Eckenrode fails to disclose receiving a command to generate a false data miscompare error. Accordingly, Eckenrode fails to anticipate claim 19.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19, and allowance of claim 19 are respectfully requested.

Claims 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,471,564 to Dennis et al. ("Dennis"). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

At page 2, the Office alleges that Dennis teaches "of a time out period where the peripheral is expected to be processing data and is out of communication with the host computer" and "[i]f the peripheral is out of communication with the host computer for more than the predetermined timeout period, the host computer *assumes* that an error condition exists." However, Dennis does not disclose "receiving an indication that a false timeout error should be generated during execution of a command," as recited in independent claim 20. For at least this reason, Dennis fails to anticipate claim 20 or claim 21, which depends therefrom. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20 and 21, and allowance of claims 20 and 21 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicants believe no other fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

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If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney. If the Examiner believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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